

Folsom, PA — Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) recognized 80 members of the 6th Marine Engineer Support Battalion company based in Folsom, expressing his appreciation for their service as they prepare to depart Wednesday for their final training before deploying to Iraq. As part of the occasion, Dynamic Defense Materials LLC made an announcement about a product it developed to better protect the men and women of the Folsom company, and thousands of other American military personnel overseas.

The company renamed the equipment after Marine LCpl. Ryan S. McCurdy, who was killed in a sniper fire incident in Fallujah, Iraq that Dynamic Defense's product could have potentially prevented. McCurdy's parents, Grant and Jan, flew from Baton Rouge, LA to attend the ceremony and a presentation by the company, which now employs Joe Dimond, an area Marine Veteran who served with McCurdy.

"After a Memorial Day spent honoring those who have given the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation, such as Lieutenant Corporal McCurdy, it is appropriate that we continue to pay tribute to them by making every effort to ensure this generation of service members, such as the brave Marines in the audience today, have the best equipment possible," said Congressman Sestak. "I thank Dynamic Defense President Robert Lipinski, Joe Dimond and the rest of their team for their tireless work on behalf of our troops and for organizing today's touching ceremony. The presence of Grant and Jan McCurdy reminds us of the responsibility we as a nation also have to care for the families of those who serve."

The "portable armored wall system," now known as "McCurdy's Armor," is described by Dynamic Defense as a modular technology that can be rapidly and discreetly deployed and redeployed to provide high levels of protection against most all threats found in theater from large IEDs down to small arms. This armor would replace sand bags as more effective protection for our troops.

Former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, and was Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships, with more than 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft, that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He previously served in the White House as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the

House Historian, he is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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